

## This Week At FCC

<b>Sunday</b>	9:00 am	Worship Service ( <b>Masks required</b> )
	10:30 am	Worship Service ( <b>Masks optional</b> )
	6:00 pm	Youth Group
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30 pm	Youth Group
<b>Friday</b>	6:00 pm	Small Groups Live Nativity
<b>Saturday</b>	6:00 pm	Small Groups Live Nativity

- ◆ This year our **Live Nativity** will be presented by the Small Groups led by Danny O'Neill, Steve Owens and Mike Yarbrough. It will be on Friday, December 11 through Sunday, December 13 from 6-8 pm each evening. If you have any questions, please contact Nancy Greene.
- ◆ We will have a **Congregational Meeting** on Wednesday, December 16 at 7:00 pm in the Worship Center. Masks will be required. The meeting will provide information on the 2021 Budget and to introduce candidates up for election as Elders. In the upcoming days an email and letter will be sent out that details the voting process. The last day to vote will be Wednesday, December 23. If you have any questions, please contact the church office or one of the current Elders.
- ◆ Come join us as we gather as a church family to celebrate the birth of our Savior with a very special **Christmas Eve Candlelight and Communion Service** on Thursday, December 24 at 7:00 pm. We hope this time of worship will be a meaningful part of your family's Christmas celebration.
- ◆ The church office will be closed Thursday, December 24 and Friday, December 25 for Christmas. Voice messages and email will be checked daily.

**Small Groups are meeting at various times during the week. We have groups for families, couples, men's only, women's only, and groups for young adults. If you are interested in connecting with a Small Group, contact the Group Leader or church office for information.**

## Our Vision at First Christian Church December 6, 2020

Making Disciples in Cookeville, Putnam County, and to the ends of the earth.



### Current Sermon Series: *It's Christmas 2020!*



As we approach the end of 2020, we all need a season to remember and celebrate God's amazing love and His gifts of joy and hope that are ours because of Jesus! Christmas 2020 is the time to do just that! Join us for our "It's Christmas 2020" sermon series as we reflect upon and praise God for the gift of our Savior!

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It's Christmas 2020 02 The Difference Christmas Makes!

Brad Windlan First Christian Church

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**Luke 2:8-14** (NIV) And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger." Suddenly a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests."

**Two Difference Making Truths From This Passage:**

**TRUTH ONE:** Because of Jesus, we don't have to be \_\_\_\_\_.

**Luke 2:9-10** (NIV) "...and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid.'"

**Luke 2:10b** (NIV) "I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people."

**TRUTH TWO:** Because of Jesus \_\_\_\_\_ are allowed!

**Romans 7:18-19, 24-25** (NLT) "I want to do what is right, but I can't. I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway...Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord."

**Philippians 3:13-14** (NIV) "Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

**Luke 2:11** (NIV) "The angel said, 'Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is Christ the Lord.'"

If our greatest need had been information, God would have sent an educator. If our greatest need had been technology, God would have sent us a scientist. If our greatest need had been money, God would have sent us an economist. But since our greatest need was forgiveness, God sent us a Savior.

### TALK IT OVER

1. Do you have any "secret fears"? Ponder "fear" for a moment, where do you think it comes from?
2. How does Christmas remind us that God did not come into the world to scare us, but to remove our fears? (Luke 2:9-10)
3. Read 1 John 4:18. How does God's love alleviate our fears? How does Christmas remind us of God's great love for us?
4. Why is it such GOOD NEWS that: *Because of Jesus fresh starts are aloud?* Can you think of a time in your life when you REALLY needed a fresh start?
5. Read the Romans 7:18-19, 24-25 & Philippians 3:13-14 passages (above) How was/is Christmas a major part of God's plan to make these verses possible?